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**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. VN-2005-192

DEBORAH LYNN STINE
aka DEBORAH DAY
aka DEBORAH HENDERSON
1630 N. Mc Kinley Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85712

A C C U S A T I O N

Vocational Nurse License No. VN 164711

Respondent.

Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. ("Complainant") alleges:

PARTIES

1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Bureau of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians ("Bureau"), Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about October 18, 1993, the Bureau issued Vocational Nurse License Number VN 164711 to Deborah Lynn Stine, also known as Deborah Day and Deborah Henderson ("Respondent"). The license will expire on July 31, 2009, unless renewed.

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8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2520 states:

As set forth in Section 2878 of the Code, incompetence is deemed unprofessional conduct and is a ground for disciplinary action. As used in Section 2878 “incompetence” means the lack of possession of and the failure to exercise that degree of learning, skill, care and experience ordinarily possessed and exercised by responsible licensed vocational nurses.

COST RECOVERY

9. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Bureau may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FACTS

10. On or about July 20, 2005, at approximately 6:00 p.m., an 87-year-old female patient, DG, was admitted to The Terraces/The Health Center ("The Terraces"), located in Chico, California, with a diagnosis of recent surgical repair of a fractured right hip, insulin dependent diabetes, and a history of heart disease. Physician's orders called for 10 units of Lantus Insulin every PM, and 100/unit/ml Insulin Human Regular (Novolin R) every 6 hours. The admitting nurse, Gibson, noted on the Medication Record, Communication Sheet, physician telephone order slip, and in the nursing notes that the Insulin Human Regular dosage needed to be clarified with DG's treating physician in the AM of July 21, 2005. Furthermore, on the Medication Record, nurse Gibson circled his initials, indicating that he had held the administration of the 6:00 p.m. dose of Insulin Human Regular pending clarification from DG's treating physician.

11. On or about July 21, 2005, Respondent, who was employed at The Terraces as a vocational nurse, was assigned to care for patient DG. At approximately 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Respondent administered 100 units of Insulin Human Regular (Novolin R) to patient DG per the physician's orders without first clarifying the orders with patient DG's treating physician as noted by nurse Gibson. On that same day, at approximately 8:00 a.m., patient DG was found to be diaphoretic, unresponsive and with labored respirations. Patient

1 DG's blood sugar was checked and was determined to be 22 mg.¹ Patient DG was transported to
2 Enloe Medical Center for treatment.

3 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Gross Negligence)**

5 12. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2878(a), on the
6 grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined in Code section 2878(a)(1), in that on or about
7 July 21, 2005, while employed as a licensed vocational nurse at The Terraces, Respondent was
8 grossly negligent as follows:

9 a. Respondent administered a dose of 100 units of Insulin Human Regular
10 (Novolin R) to patient DG at 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

11 b. Respondent failed to recognize that the prescribed dose of 100 units of
12 Insulin Human Regular (Novolin R) is too much for any patient.²

13 c. Respondent failed to clarify the prescribed dose of 100 units of Insulin
14 Human Regular (Novolin R) with patient DG's physician prior to administering.

15 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 **(Incompetence)**

17 13. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2878(a), on the
18 grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined in Code section 2878(a)(1), in that on or about
19 July 21, 2005, while employed as a licensed vocational nurse at The Terraces, Respondent was
20 incompetent, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 12.

21 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

22 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

23 14. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2878(a), on the
24 grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined in Code section 2878(a), in that on or about
25 _____

26 1. The normal blood sugar range is 70-100. However, diabetics generally have higher
27 ranges.

28 2. The maximum dose of Insulin Human Regular (Novolin R) is 0.5 to 1 unit per kg. of
body weight per day. The usual dosage ranges from 1 unit to 10 units every 6 hours.

1 July 21, 2005, while employed as a licensed vocational nurse at The Terraces, Respondent was
2 guilty of unprofessional conduct, as more particularly set forth in paragraph 12 above.

3 **PRAYER**

4 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters
5 herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Bureau of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric
6 Technicians issue a decision:

7 1. Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License Number VN 164711,
8 issued to Deborah Lynn Stine, also known as Deborah Day and Deborah Henderson;

9 2. Ordering Deborah Lynn Stine, also known as Deborah Day and Deborah
10 Henderson to pay the Bureau of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians the reasonable
11 costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions
12 Code section 125.3; and,

13 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

14 DATED: September 17, 2008

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16 TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.

17 Executive officer

18 Bureau of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

19 Department of Consumer Affairs

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